

**PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT**  
**38 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS**

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**Pink Bollworm Activities**

**Palo Verde and Imperial Valleys:**

There were 14,042 Native moths captured during the week. There are 198 traps currently in place, and 36,993 native moths have been captured year to date. Agricultural Pest Control Supervisor, Jodi Brigman, reports that cotton fields are very close to first bloom, as plants are growing quickly due to favorable conditions.

**San Joaquin Valley:**

Weather has remained good for the week, sunny and temperatures in the upper 90's. The 2006 season is now 3-4 days ahead of 2005 Degree Day model at most locations.

Cotton field mapping activities began on the Southern end of the Central Valley on 5/16/06. Kern County mapping should be completed by the end of next week, 5/26/06. A very early preliminary survey of staff reveals, roughly 20% fewer cotton fields planted throughout the Central Valley. Staff have completed placement of early detection traps in select areas of the San Joaquin Valley. No Native Pink Bollworm Moths have been detected as of yet in 2006.

The first aerial release of the year went out May 16th, with staff reporting few problems. So far, the moths received have been on the small side. 2 million sterile Pink Bollworm moths per day will be released on select 2005 Native find sections, 6 days per week.

**Sacramento Valley:**

The anticipated start date for Pink Bollworm Program mapping and trapping in the Sacramento Valley is September 18.